



LEELA JAMES DASS

Leela James Dass was an English Language teacher for 25 years before she became a teacher trainer in English Language Teaching Centre, Ministry of Education. Currently, she is a teacher trainer for Diploma in TESOL, a corporate trainer and a module developer for various English language, soft skills and online courses. She has a teaching certificate from Malaysia and TESOL Certificate from Arizona State University. Her highest academic qualifications is Masters in Arts (English Literature). Leela James Dass was an Excellent Teacher and an Excellent Lecturer, a promotional post conferred by the Ministry of Education, Malaysia.

As an educationist, Leela is mindful in adapting her training and teaching styles according to her clients' needs. She is dedicated, committed and very reliable in undertaking her duties. As a versatile trainer, her clientele comprises a spectrum of industries irrespective the government and private sectors. She is driven and strives to learn new strategies and teaching tools to be relevant with the current needs. She flexes her training to suit her participants' needs, a contributing factor for her being an accomplished trainer.

AUTHOR

Leela was a writer for several publishers namely **LONGMAN-PEARSON, SASBADI** and **OXFORD FAJAR BAKTI**. She wrote revision books for MUET, PT3, PMR and SPM. Her books were recommended as revision guides in schools throughout Malaysia.

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Leela adopts 21st century teaching skills while training and teaching in the classroom. Her speciality is the use of Power-Point, You-tube videos, podcasts and other applications in the classroom. She usually applies experiential approach where students learn by experiencing. Digital tools are used to sustain student interest in the topic or subject.

Her 36 years of experience in the realm of education has made her very sensitive to developing sustainable learning. She fervently believes that learning English language does not end with the two- or three- day training. All learners must be taught the proverbial "how to fish" so that they are always inspired to learn English language. Her stint in training encompasses both in government and private sectors.



CONTENT DEVELOPER AND CORPORATE TRAINER

Leela is currently developing modules for inhouse and online English language courses. She also does inhouse training for both the public and private sectors. She is also the head trainer for Diploma in TESOL where she facilitates the training in her current place of work. She also manages Cambridge and IELTS courses. Her clients expand from small to large corporate organisations and Government linked agencies. Some of the agencies she worked with were: Permodalan Nasional Berhad (PNB) a government linked agency, Yayasan Bank Rakyat, Malaysian Debt Ventures (MDB), QSR- a leading corporate giant which holds rights for Kentucky Fried Chicken and Pizza Hut and many others, Prince Court Medical Centre, University Medical Specialist Centre and etc.

TEACHER TRAINER IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, MALAYSIA

During her time in English Language Teaching Centre, Ministry of Education, her job required her to develop modules to train in-service teachers. As Assistant Head of the MOE Malaysia's "Must Pass SPM English language in 2016" initiative she gained wide experience in programme management.

SCHOOL TEACHER

She was the Head of English language Department as well as the Head of MUET Department during her schoolteacher days. She played a significant role in the Assessment Board where she was a Team Leader of SPM English Language marking team for more than 10 years. She was also part of the MUET Listening Exam setting team for several years and the marking team. These stints made her an innovative educator.

Leela worked very closely with the Curriculum Division of the Ministry of Education in the selection of materials for SPM English Literature and preparing teaching materials for English Literature. An expert in English Literature, she produced high calibre students in this subject.

